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Education:

- 2007: Ph.D., Earth and Space Sciences (certificate in Astrobiology)
University of Washington, Seattle, WA
Biogeochemistry of the Triassic–Jurassic boundary
- 2000: M.S., Geological Sciences, University of Washington, Seattle, WA
*Strontium/calcium thermometry in the Caribbean reef coral *Siderastrea siderea**
- 1998: B.S., Natural Resources *cum laude* University of the South, Sewanee, TN

Professional Experience:

- 2014-present: Deputy Project Scientist, NASA Mars 2020 rover mission
- 2014-present: Co-Investigator, SHERLOC instrument, NASA Mars 2020 rover mission
- 2013-present: Visiting Associate, Division of Geological and Planetary Sciences, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California
- 2012-present: Research Scientist, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena, CA
- 2013-2014: Strategic Surface Sampling Scientist, NASA Mars Science Laboratory mission
- 2014-2016: Collaborator, Sample Analysis at Mars instrument, NASA Mars Science Laboratory mission
- 2013-2016: Science Team Member, NASA Mars Science Laboratory mission
- 2010-2012: Research Associate, Dept of Geoscience and Astrobiology Research Consortium, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI
- 2007-2009: Research Associate, Western Australian Organic and Isotope Geochemistry Centre, Dept of Chemistry, Curtin University, Perth, Western Australia
- 2005-2007: NSF IGERT Fellow, University of Washington Astrobiology Program
- 2003-2005: Research Assistant, Dept of Earth and Space Sciences, University of Washington
- 2002-2003: Information Architect, Verisign Inc., Savannah, GA
- 2001: Geologist, Hall, Blake & Associates, Nashville, TN
- 2000-2001: Earth science, life science and math teacher: Good Hope School, St. Croix, USVI
- 1998-2000: Teaching Assistant, Dept of Geological Sciences, University of Washington

Teaching:

- 2000-2001: Good Hope School, St. Croix, USVI: Earth science, life science and mathematics
- 1998-2000: University of Washington: Geobiology (first two offerings), Invertebrate Paleontology (x2), Dinosaurs, Introduction to Geology

Student Supervision:

- 2019-: Emilia Hernandez, Ph.D. candidate, University of California Davis
- 2017-: Kelsey Moore, Ph.D. candidate, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- 2014-: Jeffery Osterhout, M.S. University of Cincinnati, Ph.D. candidate UCLA
- 2013-: Adam Hoffman, Ph.D. candidate, University of California Riverside
- 2015-: Amanda Allen, undergraduate intern, Santa Barbara City College
- 2017-2018: Joyce Yager, Ph.D. candidate, University of Southern California
- 2017-2018: Peter Wynn, undergraduate intern, University of Southern California
- 2016-2018: Ashley Berg, Ph.D. University of Tennessee
- 2015: Lorenia Alejandra, undergraduate intern, Santa Ana College

2014-2016: Katrine Hansen, Ph.D. candidate, University of Copenhagen
2016: Brandy Coats, undergraduate intern, University of California–Riverside
2016: Erica Gaspari, undergraduate intern, Montana State University
2016: Meika Nwaomah, STAR teacher intern
2015: Ellie Hara, undergraduate intern, University of Southern California
2015: Emily Ross, undergraduate intern, Carleton College
2015: Kari Finstad, Ph.D. candidate, University of California, Berkeley
2014: Kira Lorber, Ph.D. candidate, University of Cincinnati
2014: Jorge Orbay, undergraduate intern, Columbia University
2014: Isis Frausto-Vicencio, undergraduate intern, UCLA
2014: Emily Meany, undergraduate intern, Caltech
2008-2009: Salem Aboglila, Ph.D., Department of Applied Chemistry, Curtin University

Professional Societies:

2005–present: Geological Society of America
2011–present: American Geophysical Union
2011–present: Geochemical Society

Outreach and Service:

2017: Von Karman Lecture, *Mars 2020, or There and Back Again*
https://www.jpl.nasa.gov/events/lectures_archive.php?year=2017&month=11
2015-: Technical advisory board, Boundaries of Life Initiative, Templeton Foundation
2014: Donald Foster Hewett Seminar Series on The Origin of Life, Lehigh University, invited presentation “Looking for life on Mars (on Earth)”
2014-: Editorial Board, *Geobiology*
2012: Invited presentation at Explore: Life on Mars, Madison, Wisconsin
2011: Imagine Mars: 6 week NASA/NEA program with Akira Toki Middle School
2011: Astrobiology in Your Back Yard: outreach stations in Madison, Wisconsin
2010: Astrobiology night at the ballpark with the Madison Mallards
2008: Contributed a segment on the Triassic extinctions to the Animal Planet television program entitled “Animal Armageddon”
2008: Conducted an outreach trip to the Pilbara to present an overview of astrobiology to the Port Hedland school and lead the students and teachers of the Marble Bar High School to an Archean stromatolite locality
2007: Designed and led “Discover Smoke Farm,” a 48h event on a former dairy farm in the foothills of the Cascades including a BioBlitz and a day for young (age 6-10) students from Seattle to explore biodiversity in the field
2007: Interviewed at Walcott Quarry for a segment on the Burgess Shale, part of the History Channel television program “How Life Began”
2006: Graduate student representative to Astrobiology faculty position search committee, University of Washington
2005: Curriculum committee member, Department of Earth and Space Sciences, University of Washington
2005: Invited speaker, Northwest Geological Society
2004: Technology committee member, Department of Earth and Space Sciences, University of Washington
2004-2007: Project AstroBio: astrobiology-themed outreach with Seattle school teachers

Peer-Reviewed Publications:

Alleon, J., Flannery, D.T., Ferralis, N., Williford, K.H., Zhang, Y., Schuessler, J.A., Summons, R.E., 2019. Organo-mineral associations in chert of the 3.5 Mount Ada Basalt raise questions about the origin of organic matter in Paleoproterozoic hydrothermally influenced sediments. *Scientific Reports* 9: 16712 (<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-019-53272-5>).

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- Tuite, M.L., Williford, K.H., Macko, S.A., 2019. From greenhouse to icehouse: Nitrogen biogeochemistry of an epeiric sea in the context of the oxygenation of the Late Devonian atmosphere/ocean system. *Palaeogeography, Palaeoclimatology, Palaeoecology* 531: 109204 (<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.palaeo.2019.05.026>).
- Flannery, D., Allwood, A., Hodyss, R., Summons, R., Tuite, M., Walter, M., Williford, K., 2019. Microbially-influenced formation of Neoproterozoic ooids. *Geobiology* 17 151-160 (<https://doi.org/10.1111/gbi.12321>).
- DiLoreto, Z.A., Bontognali, T.R.R., Al Disi, Z.A., Al Saad Al-Kuwari, H., Williford, K.H., Strohmenger, C.J., Sadooni, F., Palermo, C., Rivers, J.M., McKenzie, J.A., Tuite, M., Dittrich, M., 2019. Microbial community composition and dolomite formation in the hypersaline microbial mats of the Khor Al-Adaid sabkhas, Qatar. *Extremophiles* (<https://doi.org/10.1007/s00792-018-01074-4>).
- Osinski, G.R. et al., 2019. The CanMars Mars Sample Return Analogue Mission. *Planetary and Space Science* 166: 110-130 (<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.pss.2018.07.011>).
- Abbey, W., R. Anderson, L. Beegle, J. Hurowitz, K.H. Williford, G. Peters, J.M. Morookian, C. Collins, J. Feldman, R. Kinnett, L. Jandura, D. Limonadi, C. Logan, S. McCloskey, J. Melko, A. Okon, M. Robinson, C. Roumeliotis, C. Seybold, J. Singer, and N. Warner, 2019. A look back: The drilling campaign of the Curiosity rover during the Mars Science Laboratory's Prime Mission. *Icarus* 319:1-13 (<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.icarus.2018.09.004>).
- Pilles, E.A., Cross, M., Caudill, C.M., Francis, R., Osinski, G.R., Newman, J., Battler, M., Bourassa, M., Haltigin, T., Hipkin, V., Kerrigan, M., McLennan, S., Silber, E.A., Williford, K., 2019. Exploring new models for improving planetary rover operations efficiency through the 2016 CanMars Mars Sample Return (MSR) analogue deployment. *Planetary and Space Science* 165: 250-259 (<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.pss.2018.10.001>).
- Manning-Berg, A.R., Wood, R.S., Williford, K.H., Czaja, A.D., Kah, L.C., 2019. The taphonomy of Proterozoic microbial mats and implications for early diagenetic silicification. *Geosciences* 9: 40 (<https://doi.org/10.3390/geosciences9010040>).
- Lepot, K., Williford, K.H., Philippot, P., Thomazo, C., Ushikubo, T., Kitajima, K., Mostefaoui, S., Valley, J.W., 2019. Extreme ^{13}C -depletions and organic sulfur content argue for S-fueled anaerobic methane oxidation in 2.72 Ga old stromatolites. *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta* 244: 522-547 (<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.gca.2018.10.014>).
- Williford, K.H., K.A. Farley, K.M. Stack, A.C. Allwood, D. Beaty, L. Beegle, R. Bhartia, A.J. Brown, M. de la Torre Juarez, S.-E Hamran, M.H. Hecht, J. Hurowitz, J.A. Rodriguez-Manfredi, S. Maurice, S. Milkovich, R.C. Wiens, 2018. The NASA Mars 2020 rover mission and the search for extraterrestrial life. In: *From Habitability to Life on Mars*, Cabrol, N.A., and E.A. Grin, eds., p. 275-308, Elsevier (<https://doi.org/10.1016/B978-0-12-809935-3.00010-4>).
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- Finstad, K.M., Pfeiffer, M., McNicol, G., Tuite, M., Williford, K.H., Amundson, R., 2018. A late Quaternary paleoenvironmental record in sand dunes of the northern Atacama Desert, Chile. *Quaternary Research* 90: 127-138 (<https://doi.org/10.1017/qua.2018.20>).
- Ishida, A., Kitajima, K., Williford, K.H., Tuite, M.L., Kakegawa, T., Valley, J.W., 2018. Simultaneous in situ analysis of carbon and nitrogen isotope ratios in organic matter by secondary ion mass spectrometry *Geostandards and Geoanalytical Research* 42: 189-203. (<https://doi.org/10.1111/ggr.12209>).
- McMahon, S., Bosak, T., Grotzinger, J., Milliken, R., Summons, R., Daye, M., Newman, S., Fraeman, A., Williford, K.H., Briggs, D., 2018. A field guide to finding fossils on Mars. *Journal of Geophysical Research: Planets* 123: 1012-1040 (<https://doi.org/10.1029/2017JE005478>).
- Flannery, D., Allwood, A.C., Summons, R.E., Williford, K.H., Abbey, W., Matys, E.D., Ferralis, N., 2018. Spatially-resolved isotopic study of carbon trapped in ~3.43 Ga Strelley Pool Formation stromatolites. *Geochemica et Cosmochimica Acta* 223: 21-35. (<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.gca.2017.11.028>).
- Schopf, J.W., Kudryavstev, A.B., Osterhout, J.T., Williford, K.H., Kitajima, K., Valley, J.W., Sugitani, K., 2017. An aerobic similar to 3400 Ma shallow-water microbial consortium: Presumptive evidence of Earth's Paleoarchean anoxic atmosphere. *Precambrian Research* 299: 309-318 (<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.precamres.2017.07.021>).
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- Haddad, E.E., Tuite, M.L., Martinez, A.M., Williford, K.H., Boyer, D.L., Droser, M.L., Love, G.D., 2016. Lipid biomarker stratigraphic records through the Late Devonian Frasnian/Famennian boundary: Comparison of high- and low-latitude epicontinental marine settings. *Organic Geochemistry* 98: 38-53 (<http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.orggeochem.2016.05.007>).
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- Lepot, K., Williford, K.H., Ushikubo, T., Sugitani, K., Mimura, K., Spicuzza, M.J., Valley, J.W., 2013. Texture-specific isotopic compositions in 3.4 Gyr old organic matter support selective preservation in cell-like structures. *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta* 112: 66-86 (<http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.gca.2013.03.004>).
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